

REMARKS

Claims 5-6, 10-18, 23-24, and 28-37 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 19, 21, and 38 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. New Claims 39-55 have been added. Claims 1-4, 7-9, 19-22, 25-27, and 38-55 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 6, 9, 24, and 27 contain allowable subject matter.

Regarding Claims 6 and 24: Independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of Claim 6. Independent Claim 19 has been amended to recite the limitations of Claim 24. Independent Claim 38 recites program code for carrying out the method of Claim 1. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 19, and 38 are believed to be allowable. Claims 2-4, 7-9, 20-22, and 25-27 depend from one of the aforementioned independent claims and are therefore also believed to be allowable.


Regarding Claims 9 and 27: New Claim 39 recites the limitations of Claim 9. New Claim 47 recites the limitations of Claim 27. New Claim 55 recites program code for carrying out the method of Claim 39. Accordingly, independent Claims 39, 47, and 55 are believed to be allowable. Claims 40-46, and 48-54 depend from one of the aforementioned independent claims and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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